

## **“GeoFacts”**

### **Regulations for the Editorial Board**

#### **Chapter I**

##### **General Provisions**

###### **Article 1.**

These regulations define the authority of the Editorial Board and the principles of the Editorial Board's work;

###### **Article 2.**

The Editorial Board is a collegial body acting within “GeoFacts”;

###### **Article 3.**

The Editorial Board, when acting to fulfill its goals and objectives, is obligated to act in accordance with the principles of membership/signatory status of the International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN) and the European Fact-Checking Standards Network (EFCSN);

###### **Article 4.**

In the implementation of its functions and tasks, the Editorial Board is guided by the organisation's charter, the organisation's Regulations, and Estonian legislation.

#### **Chapter II**

##### **Goals, Objectives and Functions of the Editorial Board**

###### **Article 5**

The goal of the Editorial Board is to ensure that editorial policy is free, objective, impartial, ethical and constantly advancing in line with priorities and public interest as well as in line with the commitments taken as part of “GeoFacts” membership in various international bodies.

###### **Article 6**

The main objectives of the Editorial Board are as follows:

- 6.1. Defining and constantly improving work methodology;
- 6.2. Identifying cases of infringement of methodology in a timely manner and providing a solution;

## **Article 7**

In order to achieve set goals, the Editorial Board is authorised to:

- 7.1. Clearly define the editorial policy;
- 7.2. Review and elaborate preventive measures to eradicate threats of any violation of objective, impartial and ethical norms;
- 7.3. Review issues raised by the editors and make respective decisions;
- 7.4. Review and select analyst candidates;
- 7.5. Discuss ideas for cooperation with desired authors and building relations with them;
- 7.6. Review and select ideas for content to be posted on the website;
- 7.7. Review and adjust editorial policies as needed;
- 7.8. Define the work methodology of "GeoFacts", ensure compliance with the correction policy methodology, select person/persons responsible for the implementation of any issue and carry out monitoring of the implementation of decisions;
- 7.9. Select persons responsible for decisions made by the Editorial Board and carry out monitoring of the implementation of decisions.

## **Chapter III**

### **Composition of the Editorial Board**

## **Article 8**

- 8.1. The Editorial Board consists of editor-in-chief of "GeoFacts" and senior analysts;
- 8.2. The Editorial Board is chaired by editor-in-chief of "GeoFacts";
- 8.3. The vote of each editor carries equal weight when making decisions within the Editorial Board and decisions are made with a majority of votes;
- 8.4. In order to perform permanent or non-permanent tasks, by the decision of the Editorial Board, other persons employed in the organisation may be involved in the activity;
- 8.5. The Editorial Boards meeting is usually closed. The session may be declared open to third parties by a simple majority decision of the members present;
- 8.6. Only the members of the Editorial Board take part in the meeting of the board, its activities and voting.

## **Article 9**

- 9.1. The Editorial Board meets once a month and as needed. The session can be held both in a physical space and possibly via electronic devices. The next meeting of the board is called by the Chairperson;
- 9.2. The Editorial Board is entitled to discuss issues if at least two members are present at the meeting;
- 9.3. The Editorial Board is authorised to adopt recommendations by a simple majority of the votes of those present at the meeting, which will be mandatory for all employees of "GeoFacts" to follow;
- 9.4. The Editorial Board elects the Secretary of the Board from among its own members or, by the decision of the board, from other persons employed by "GeoFacts", who ensures the resolution of organisational issues, including, if necessary, the preparation of minutes of the board meetings;
- 9.5. The administration of "GeoFacts" ensures the registration and protection of the minutes of the board.

## **Chapter IV**

### Independence of the Editorial Board

## **Article 10**

The Editorial Board enjoys complete independence from "GeoFacts" partners, donors or other third parties affiliated or unaffiliated with the organisation in any way, including political subjects, public figures, etc., in making decisions related to the editorial policy of "GeoFacts".

## **Chapter V**

### Final Provisions

## **Article 11**

Regulations for the Editorial Board are revoked, amended or updated by the decision of the Editorial Board.

## **Article 12**

Decisions of the Editorial Board shall take effect immediately unless the Editorial Board agrees otherwise.

Mariam Tsitsikashvili

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